working at existing airport of Delhi and Mumbai from 2 to 3 years. The Joint Venture Company will be required to absorb a minimum of net 40% of the existing employees at these airports. The employees who are not absorbed by the Joint Venture Companies would revert to Airports Authority of India.

(d) Yes, Sir.

Touts at airports

1317.PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:
SHRI ANAND SHARMA:
SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that touts and criminals, in the garb of taxi drivers, are operating with impunity at the International Airports in the country, particularly in the national capital with the connivance of police and airport staff; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government to rid the airports of the touts and other anti-social elements operating at the airports, airport-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) The information will be collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Air service from Lohgoan Airport

†1318. SHRI BALWANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the civil flight from Pune based Lohgoan Airport is proposed to be discontinued;

(b) if so, since when;

(c) whether there is any plan to develop new aerodrome near Chakan (at the Khed Tehsil) Distt. Pune;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.